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To: Appropriations

HOUSE BILL NO. 1660
(As Sent to Governor)

1 AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEFRAYING
2 THE EXPENSES OF THE MISSISSIPPI VETERANS MEMORIAL STADIUM
3 COMMISSION FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2008.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:

5 **SECTION 1.** The following sum, or so much thereof as may be
6 necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State
7 Treasury to the credit of the Mississippi Veterans Memorial
8 Stadium Fund, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the
9 Mississippi Veterans Memorial Stadium Commission for the fiscal
10 year beginning July 1, 2007, and ending June 30, 2008.....
11 \$ 1,542,078.00.

12 In addition to the funds appropriated herein, the Mississippi
13 Veterans Memorial Stadium Commission is hereby authorized to
14 disburse to participating institutions, agencies or departments
15 their shares or divisions of gate receipts.

16 **SECTION 2.** Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of
17 Section 1, not more than the amounts set forth below shall be
18 expended for the respective major objects or purposes of
19 expenditure:

20 MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE:

21 Personal Services:

22 Salaries, Wages and Fringe Benefits.. \$ 509,878.00
23 Travel and Subsistence..... 4,000.00
24 Contractual Services..... 595,000.00
25 Commodities..... 350,000.00

26 Capital Outlay:

27 Other Than Equipment..... 0.00

28	Equipment.....	75,200.00
29	Vehicles.....	0.00
30	Wireless Communication Devices.....	5,000.00
31	Subsidies, Loans and Grants.....	<u>3,000.00</u>
32	Total..... \$	1,542,078.00

33 FUNDING:

34	General Funds..... \$	0.00
35	Special Funds.....	<u>1,542,078.00</u>
36	Total..... \$	1,542,078.00

37 AUTHORIZED POSITIONS:

38	Permanent: Full Time.....	9
39	Part Time.....	0
40	Time-Limited: Full Time.....	0
41	Part Time.....	0

42 Funds are provided herein to adjust the Variable Compensation
43 Plan to ensure that all full-time employees receive a pay increase
44 equal to the realignment component of the Variable Compensation
45 Plan or One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$1,500.00), whichever
46 is greater, to be awarded on July 1, 2007.

47 With the funds herein appropriated, it is the intention of
48 the Legislature that it shall be the agency's responsibility to
49 make certain that funds required to be appropriated for "Personal
50 Services" for Fiscal Year 2009 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2008
51 funds appropriated for that purpose, unless programs or positions
52 are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2008 budget by the
53 Mississippi Legislature. Based on data provided by the
54 Legislative Budget Office, the State Personnel Board shall
55 determine and publish the projected annual cost to fully fund all
56 appropriated positions in compliance with the provisions of this
57 act. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to insure
58 that no single personnel action increases this projected annual
59 cost and/or the Fiscal Year 2008 appropriations for "Personal
60 Services" when annualized, with the exception of escalated funds

61 and educational benchmarks. If, at the time the agency takes any
62 action to change "Personal Services", the State Personnel Board
63 determines that the agency has taken an action which would cause
64 the agency to exceed this projected annual cost or the Fiscal Year
65 2008 "Personal Services" appropriated level, when annualized, then
66 only those actions which reduce the projected annual cost and/or
67 the appropriation requirement will be processed by the State
68 Personnel Board until such time as the requirements of this
69 provision are met. On January 1, 2008, the State Personnel Board
70 will make adjustments to the structure side of the compliance
71 report based on data provided by the Legislative Budget Office in
72 order for agencies to award educational benchmarks.

73 Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with
74 the terms, conditions and procedures established by law or
75 allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State
76 Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written
77 approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The
78 Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written
79 approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions
80 without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the
81 appropriated level.

82 No general funds authorized to be expended herein shall be
83 used to replace federal funds and/or other special funds which are
84 being used for salaries authorized under the provisions of this
85 act and which are withdrawn and no longer available.

86 **SECTION 3.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the
87 Mississippi Veterans Memorial Stadium Commission shall maintain
88 complete accounting and personnel records related to the
89 expenditure of all funds appropriated under this act and that such
90 records shall be in the same format and level of detail as
91 maintained for Fiscal Year 2007. It is further the intention of
92 the Legislature that the agency's budget request for Fiscal Year
93 2009 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee

94 in a format and level of detail comparable to the format and level
95 of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2008 budget request
96 process.

97 **SECTION 4.** It is the intention of the Legislature that
98 whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the
99 purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things
100 stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price,
101 quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind
102 shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to
103 the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are
104 made without competitive bids.

105 **SECTION 5.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the
106 Mississippi Veterans Memorial Stadium Commission shall have the
107 authority to escalate its budget and expend funds from any source
108 not to exceed Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$300,000.00) in
109 accordance with rules and regulations of the Department of Finance
110 and Administration in a manner consistent with the escalation of
111 federal funds.

112 **SECTION 6.** The money herein appropriated shall be paid by
113 the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the
114 credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon
115 warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal
116 Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the
117 proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

118 **SECTION 7.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
119 and after July 1, 2007.